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The AAA reminds farmers that ACP Community Committeemen elections will be held in all North Dakota counties during the month of October.

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The 1948 honey crop is now estimated at 206,935,000 pounds, 9 percent less than last year's crop, the AAA reports.

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The food supply situation for the 1948-49 feeding season is about the best in history, reports the AAA.

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Prices of farm products in 1949 are likely to average slightly lower than in 1948 and farmers net income probably will be off for the second straight year, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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"Abundance must be profitable to producers as well as to handlers and processors, and it must be profitable on a continuing basis, not merely in boom years....." Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan.

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Grain supplies available for export during 1948-49 by surplus producing countries will probably be at least 10 percent larger than last year's total shipments of 34.6 million long tons, the AAA announces.

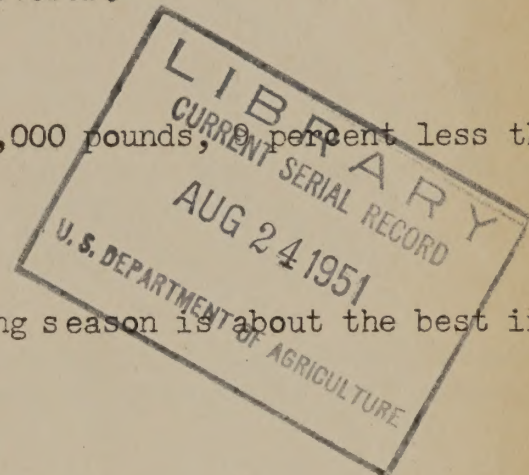
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Reduction of egg spoilage and breakage and improved sanitation in egg handling are objectives of a Research and Marketing Act project announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Egg production during the first two quarters of 1949 is likely to be about 3 percent under 1948, but total 1949 egg production may be about as large as in 1948, the AAA announces.

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Farm wage rates are now between 5 and 10 percent higher than a year ago, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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It is estimated that domestic consumption of refined sugar in 1948 will be about 95 to 100 pounds per person as compared to about 90 pounds in 1947, and an average of about 96 pounds for the years 1935 through 1939, the AAA advises.

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Seed of new varieties of alfalfa which will help hold and build up soils in this country are being released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and cooperating State experiment stations.

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Prices of meat and meat animals in 1949 are likely to continue far above war and prewar levels, the AAA announces.

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"It's the Nation's business - the Government's business - to help farmers keep their land productive and if farmers are to conserve their land, the farm program must be maintained to keep prices from dropping to a point where farmers cannot make a living let alone conserve the land.." Albert J. Loveland, Under Secretary of Agriculture.

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Since the early thirties, except during the 1934-35 drought period, food consumption trends have been upward, reaching a peak in 1946, the AAA reports.

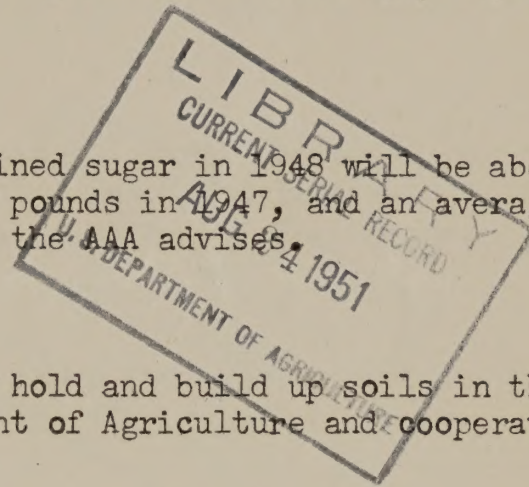
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A means for recovering waste potato pulp from potato starch factories and converting it into livestock feed has been developed by the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory of USDA's Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry.

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The number of grain consuming animal units to be fed this coming season, 1948-49, is estimated to be a little higher than the number fed last season but considerably below the average of the last 5 years, the AAA states.

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Fewer sheep and lambs than a year ago will be placed on feed for the coming winter and spring market, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will continue for November and December, to support egg prices in the Midwest at levels reflecting an average price to producers of at least 35 cents a dozen for shell eggs.

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An unprecedented 1948 crop production, 8 percent above the record established in 1946, is indicated by the October forecast of USDA's crop reporting board.

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A 1949 crop price support of not less than 90 percent of the parity price at the beginning of the marketing year for flaxseed, July 1, 1949, has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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The AAA reminds farmers that with winter not many weeks away there is little time in which to complete conservation practices under the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program.

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"Since soil is the main source of our food and much of our shelter and clothing, the conservation of the soil is fundamental for continued existence..." William B. Crawley, Assistant Administrator for Production, F&MA.

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Supplies of fertilizer and insecticides and fungicides are expected to be sufficient to meet requirements for 1949, the AAA advises.

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The AAA reports that the following foods are on the "Abundant Food List" for November: Cranberries, carrots, citrus fruits, grapes, cabbage, Irish potatoes, onions, grapefruit segments, applesauce and apple juice, peanut butter, prunes, raisins, and dried figs, honey, and fresh and frozen fish.

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November 4, 1948

1948 production of farm machinery was 15 percent above that of 1947, the AAA announces.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture is urging farm men and women to join the two-pronged salvage drive to provide the Nation's industries with more scrap metal and more waste fats and oils.

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Only 136 million bushels of old corn remained in the Nation on October 1, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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Farmers will find alfalfa seed scarcer and red-clover seed more plentiful next year as a result of this year's seed crops, the AAA reports.

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Farm production costs have mounted steadily for more than 10 years, a recent study by the Department of Agriculture shows.

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"We can lose our freedom by erosion as well as by invasion and we can be brought into economic bondage through ruinous prices...." Wm. B. Crawley, Assistant Administrator for Production, P&MA.

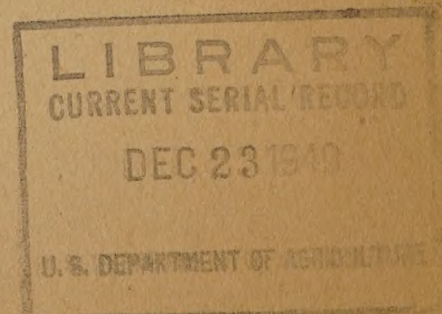
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Farmers have increased their capacity to produce food to the highest levels in United States history and prospects are that they will produce even more in the future, the AAA reports.

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Where water is the major limiting factor in farm production, as it is in many western states, conservation of water means increasing the ability of the land to produce, the AAA states.

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November 12, 1948

Production of eggs on farms in the U. S. during the first 9 months of 1948 was about 1 percent below the same period in 1947, the AAA reports.

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Deciding which conservation problems need first attention is the farmers' initial step in planning how best to use the Agricultural Conservation Program in 1949.

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High employment and increasing consumer incomes continue to support a strong demand for most farm products, the AAA announces.

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The total supply of all feed grains this year, estimated at 143 million tons is the largest on record, the AAA reports.

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Reserves of fertility in the soil for future abundant production as well as reserves of food and feed in bins, cribs, warehouses and grocery shelves are dividends on the investment the Nation is making in soil and water conservation.

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As of mid-October, 1949, approximately 19.25 million bushels of flaxseed of the 1948 crop had been purchased by the Commodity Credit Corporation, the AAA announces.

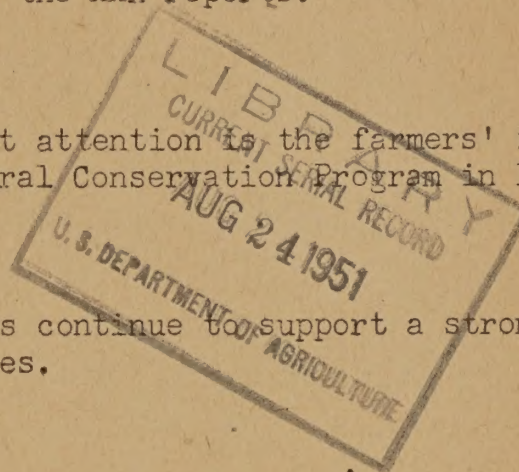
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Used kitchen fats are still in demand and will be for some time to come. Encourage your neighbors to salvage all possible kitchen fats.

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Assistance to any one farmer under the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program will be limited to \$750.00.

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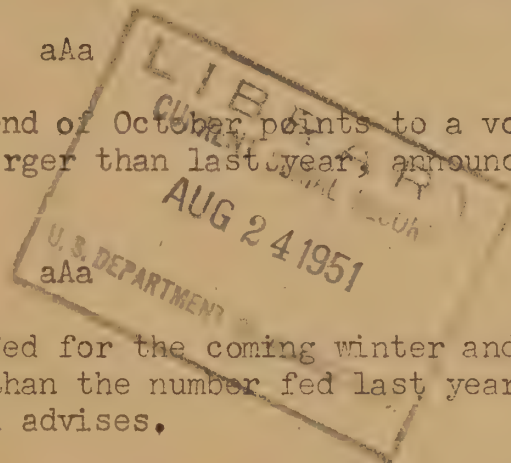
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November 24, 1948

Government statisticians estimate total corn production for 1948 at 3,650 million bushels as of November 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the rather small crop of last year and 12 per-cent greater than the previous record set in 1946, the AAA reports.

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The cattle feeding situation to the end of October points to a volume of cattle feeding about the same or slightly larger than last year, announces the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.



The number of sheep and lambs to be fed for the coming winter and spring market is expected to be considerably smaller than the number fed last year and possibly the lowest in more than 20 years, the AAA advises.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program is helping farmers maintain and build the fertility and productive capacity of their land as well as checking erosion.

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"Farmers have gained and the Nation has gained from the cooperation and the understanding support of other groups that helped to make successful farm programs possible...." Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

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With corn leading the way, the total volume of all 1948 crops has increased over previous record prospects to 37 percent more than the 1923-32 average, and 11 per-cent above the previous high mark set in 1946, the AAA announces.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program offers financial assistance to farmers for soil and water conservation practices carried out on farms on a share the cost basis.

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December 2, 1948

Land with a blanket of vegetation on it will absorb rainfall faster than land that doesn't have such a blanket, the AAA advises.

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Production of wool in the United States during 1949 probably will be somewhat less than in 1948 as some further reduction in stock sheep numbers apparently has occurred during 1948, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics advises.

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A 1949 potato goal of 1,939,300 acres and a 60 percent of parity potato price support has been announced for 1949 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Farmers, through their elected Agricultural Conservation Program Committees, play a major role in planning and operation of price-supporting programs.

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Numerous insecticides are being examined intensely as potential replacements for DDT as fly killers by scientists of the Department of Agriculture.

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Steel production is at an all time high, but is still insufficient to meet our requirements, consequently the Secretary of Agriculture is asking the cooperation of all farm families in the National iron and steel scrap drive.

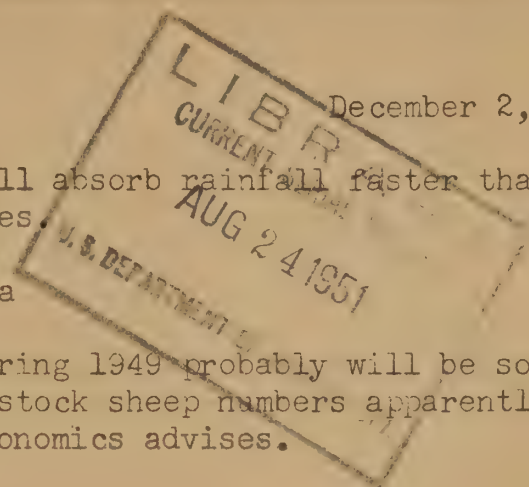
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Demand for meat appears likely to continue strong and prices for 1949 are likely to average close to 1948 levels, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Farmers who want price protection for their 1948 crops of wheat, oats, barley, and rye through government loans and purchase agreements must make application before December 31, 1948, the AAA advises.

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December 9, 1948

Domestic food consumption per capita probably will not change much in 1949 from the 1948 average which was 12 percent above prewar, the AAA reports.

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World bread-grain production in 1949 was slightly above the prewar average and well above the 1947 crop, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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A 1949 national flaxseed goal of 3,026,000 planted acres, 36 percent below 1948 planted acreage, has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Current information indicates that domestic consumption of refined sugar will be about 95 to 100 pounds per person in 1948, the AAA advises.

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"The United States cannot continue to give maximum assistance in raising the world's nutritional level unless we protect our productive resources..."Albert J. Loveland, Under Secretary of Agriculture.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program was developed as a Nation-wide attempt to maintain and rebuild the country's soil and water resources.

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Government loans and purchase agreements on 1948 crop wheat, oats, barley, grain sorghums, corn and rye totaled almost 261 million bushels through October 31, reports the Department of Agriculture.

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Somewhat larger supplies of fats and oils products will be available for civilian consumption during the next year, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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Warning - any 1948 grain that is not covered before January 1 by Commodity Credit Corporation loan or purchase agreement will not have the price protection offered under the price support program. December 31 is the last day for taking out CCC grain loans or purchase agreements.

January 15th is the last day for reporting practices carried out under the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program. Reports must be filed with the County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

Farm prices of eggs, as well as wholesale prices, have reached their peak and are now dropping off as they normally do at this time of year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

The cattle feeding situation on December 1 points to a volume of feeding larger than last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

More than 3 million farmers participated in the National Agricultural Conservation Program in 1947.

The Department of Agriculture has announced the purchase of 93,900 cases of concentrated orange juice for use in the School Lunch Program.

About 87 percent of all farm land covered by the 1945 census of Agriculture was held by individuals, according to a Nation-wide survey made in 1946, the AAA announces.

Shipment of stocker and feeder cattle into the 11 cornbelt states in November was 39 percent larger than in November last year, the AAA announces.

The following food items are among those on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's abundant food list for January: Citrus fruits, cranberries, spinach, cabbage, carrots, Irish potatoes, dried beans and peas, cheese, dried prunes and raisins, canned corn, canned peas, honey, peanut butter, fish (fresh and frozen) and oat and corn products.







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December 30, 1948

Total agricultural exports for the year 1948 are expected to reach 3.4 billion, compared with 3.9 billion dollars in 1947, the AAA reports.

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The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that it has been determined that 7,250,000 short tons, raw value, of sugar will be needed to meet the requirements of consumers in the continental United States for the calendar year 1949.

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The 1948 pig crop totaled 85,281,000 head, an increase of about 1 percent over last year the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has reported.

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The Nation's indicated 1949 winter wheat acreage of 61,370,000 acres is larger than ever before, more than 5 percent larger than last year's record acreage, according to the latest estimate of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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By cooperating in the Agricultural Conservation Program farmers work for the welfare of the Nation and at the same time improve their farms for themselves and for those who take over after they leave.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will buy dried eggs for delivery in January under its current price support program for eggs in the Midwest.

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The support of farm prices at a near-parity level gives farmers the income-insurance needed to encourage ample production and to permit them to plan and carry out necessary long-range conservation practices, the AAA emphasizes.

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The U. S. cotton crop for 1948 is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 14,937,000 bales, the AAA announces.

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